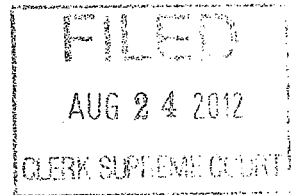


**In the Supreme Court of Iowa**

**In the Matter of Amendments to  
Iowa Court Rules 35.17 and 42.1**

**Order**



The 2011 Iowa Legislature enacted amendments to Iowa Code Chapters 125 and 229 that involve various changes in the statutory terminology related to substance disorders. See 2011 Iowa Acts Ch. 121, Division V Section 62.

To conform Iowa Court Rules 35.17(1) and 42.1 to current statutory terminology, the court revises these rules as follows:

In rule 35.17(1), the phrase "an alcoholic, or a drug addict" is changed to "person with a substance-related disorder."

In rule 42.1, subparagraph 2 of the "*legal ethics*" definition, the phrase "substance abuse" is changed to "substance-related disorder" in both instances it appears.

The attached revisions to Iowa Court Rules 35.17(1) and 42.1 are effective immediately.

Dated this 24th day of August, 2012.

The Supreme Court of Iowa

By Mark S. Cady  
Mark S. Cady, Chief Justice

### **Rule 35.17 Disability suspension.**

**35.17(1)** In the event an attorney shall at any time in any jurisdiction be duly adjudicated a mentally incapacitated person, or ~~an alcoholic, or a drug addict,~~ person with a substance-related disorder, or shall be committed to an institution or hospital for treatment thereof, the clerk of any court in Iowa in which any such adjudication or commitment is entered shall, within ten days, certify same to the clerk of the supreme court.

### **Rule 42.1 Definitions**

For the purpose of these regulations, the following definitions shall apply:

. . .

*“Legal ethics”* shall mean a separate, designated, and dedicated session of instruction:

1. referring to and based on the disciplinary rules or ethical considerations of the ethics or professional responsibility code for lawyers in the jurisdiction where the instruction is presented; or

2. ~~designed to help attorneys detect, prevent, or respond to substance abuse~~ substance-related disorders or mental illness that impairs professional competence. The instruction must focus on issues in the legal profession and in the practice of law, and not issues of ~~substance abuse~~ substance-related disorders or mental health in general.